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## **SENATE BILL**

No. 1896

## **Introduced by Senator Peace** and Assembly Member Ducheny

February 19, 1998

An act to amend Section 66025 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education, and making an appropriation therefor.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1896, as amended, Peace. Public postsecondary education: student fees.

Existing law provides for a public postsecondary educational system in this state, which consists of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges.

Existing law also requires systemwide fees charged to resident undergraduate students at the University of California and the California State University to be reduced for the 1998–99 fiscal year by 5% below the level charged during the 1997–98 fiscal year, and, for the 1999–2000 fiscal year, to be at the same level as for the 1998–99 fiscal year.

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This bill would require systemwide education and registration fees charged to resident graduate students at the University of California and the California State University for the 1999–2000 fiscal year to be reduced by 5% below the level charged for those resident students for the 1997–98 fiscal year.

The bill would provide that this provision is not required to apply to the University of California except to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, make it applicable.

The bill would declare the Legislature's intent to appropriate sufficient funds to the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges in the Budget Act of 1999 and any subsequent Budget Acts to cover any reduction in funds caused by the enactment of the above amendments.

The bill would appropriate from the General Fund, for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, a sum sufficient to reimburse the University of California and the California State University for the loss of revenue resulting from the fee reduction enacted by the bill to the Director of Finance for allocation to the University of California or to the California State University, as appropriate, upon their certification to the Director of Finance of their respective amounts of lost revenue.

This bill would provide that resident undergraduate student and resident graduate student fee reductions shall take effect only if the Legislature appropriates sufficient funds for this purpose to fully reimburse the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges for any reductions in fee revenues.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority. Appropriation: yes no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 66025 of the Education Code is 2 amended to read:
- 3 66025. (a) (1) Systemwide fees charged to resident
- 4 undergraduate students at the University of California
- 5 and the California State University shall be reduced for
- 6 the 1998–99 fiscal year by 5 percent below the level

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the 1997–98 fiscal charged during and vear, systemwide fees charged to those students for 1999-2000 fiscal year shall be the same as the systemwide fees established for those students for the 1998-99 fiscal Systemwide education 5 and registration charged to resident graduate students at the University 6 of California and the California State University for the 1999–2000 fiscal year shall be reduced by 5 percent below the level charged those resident students for the 1997-98 fiscal year. This subdivision does not apply to resident 10 11 students pursuing a course of study leading to a professional degree who are subject to a supplemental fee 12 13 pursuant to the policy of the University of California. 14

(2) Notwithstanding Section 76300, the fee per unit per semester charged to resident undergraduate students at the California Community Colleges during each of the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 academic years shall be twelve dollars (\$12).

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- (b) No provision of this section shall apply to the University of California except to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, make that provision applicable.
- SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature hereby declares its 24 intent to appropriate sufficient funds to the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges in the Budget Act of 1999 and any subsequent Budget Acts to cover any reduction in funds caused by the enactment of Section 1 of this act.
- (b) A sum sufficient to reimburse the University of California and the California State University for the loss of revenue resulting from the fee reduction enacted by Section 1 of this act is hereby appropriated for the 1999-2000 fiscal year from the General Fund to the 34 Director of Finance for allocation to the University of California or to the California State University, as appropriate, upon their certification to the Director of Finance of their respective amounts of lost revenue.
- 38 SEC. 2. *(a)* Any reduction in systemwide fees charged 39 to resident undergraduate students 1998–99 fiscal year pursuant to Section 66025 of the

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1 Education Code shall take effect only if the Legislature

- 2 appropriates funds in the 1998–99 fiscal year sufficient to
- 3 fully reimburse the University of California, the
- 4 California State University, and the California
- 5 Community Colleges for any reductions in fee revenues.
- 6 (b) Any reduction in systemwide and registration fees
- 7 charged to resident graduate students in the 1999–2000
- 8 fiscal year pursuant to Section 66025 of the Education
- 9 Code shall take effect only if the Legislature appropriates
- 10 funds in the 1999–2000 fiscal year sufficient to fully
- 11 reimburse the University of California, the California
- 12 State University, and the California Community Colleges
- 13 for any reductions in fee revenues.